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More Than 2,000 Pay Final Respects to Officer David McGuinn

TOWSON, MD (August 3, 2006)---More than two thousand people paid their final respects to slain Correctional Officer David McGuinn today at the Atlantic City Convention Center. The mourners included more than 1,200 members of the Maryland Division of Correction, top officials of the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, and corrections and law enforcement officers from as far away as Rhode Island.

Honor Guards from 24 correctional facilities, police agencies, and transit authorities ringed the huge convention hall as speaker after speaker described the fallen officer as a quiet, determined man of integrity.

"Officer McGuinn was unwavering in his belief to do what was right, even if it made others uncomfortable," said Atlantic City Mayor Bob Levy, who has known the officer and his family for years. Officer McGuinn was raised in Atlantic City, and is the grandson of an Atlantic City Police Officer.

"He was a private man of great integrity, a father and positive role model, a dedicated and professional correctional officer who set high standards for himself and those around him," said Frank Sizer, Maryland's Commissioner of Correction. "We will pull together and honor his memory by upholding the professional standards that he embodied throughout his career."

Atlantic City's police chief reminded the audience that Officer McGuinn's grandfather was a distinguished Atlantic City police officer, and that the correctional officer is the third law enforcement officer from Atlantic City to die in the line of duty in the past two years.

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Many of the more than 1,200 Maryland Division of Correction employees who made the trip traveled in a pre-dawn motorcade from the Maryland House of Correction in Jessup, Officer McGuinn's facility. Led by a Maryland State Police escort, the motorcade included 166 vehicles, and was more than three miles long.

The funeral was one befitting a man who spent his life protecting others: bagpipes played; an official from the Correctional Peace Officers Association praised Officer McGuinn as a hero; Governor Ehrlich sent a special citation to the officer's mother.

The following agencies and facilities provided Honor Guards for the funeral:

Maryland House of Correction	(These two prisons provided the main
Roxbury Correctional Institution	ceremonial guard.)

Eastern Correctional Institution
Herman L. Toulson Boot Camp
Jessup Correctional Institution
Baltimore City Detention Center
Baltimore Central Booking and Intake Center
Maryland Correctional Adjustment Center
Maryland Correctional Institution-Hagerstown
Maryland Reception, Diagnostic, and Classification Center
Metropolitan Transition Center
Patuxent Institution

Prince George's County Detention Center
Montgomery County Detention Center
Baltimore County Detention Center
University of Maryland at Baltimore Police Dept.
Maryland Transit Authority
Howard County Detention Center

Connecticut Dept. of Corrections
Pennsylvania Dept. of Correction
New Jersey Department of Corrections
Rhode Island Department of Corrections
Lincoln Correctional Facility NY
New Jersey State Police

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